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| 1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on application, applicant must timely file one of the following application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appelor Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 Coperiods:   | the same day as filing a Notice of<br>replies: (1) an amendment, affidavi<br>al (with appeal fee) in compliance       | Appeal. To avoid abar<br>it, or other evidence, w<br>with 37 CFR 41.31; or | hich places the (3) a Request            |
| a) The period for reply expires <u>3</u> months from the mailing date  | of the final rejection.   |  |  |
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| <ol> <li>The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in comp<br/>filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any exter<br/>Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed with<br/>AMENDMENTS</li> </ol>   | nsion thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to   | avoid dismissal of the   |  |
| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, be   | out prior to the date of filing a brief   | will not be entered be   | Called                                   |
| (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further cor   |   |  | cause                                    |
| (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below   | `   | ,,   |  |
| (c) They are not deemed to place the application in bet  | er form for appeal by materially red  | ducing or simplifying th   | ne issues for                            |
| appeal; and/or (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a c  | corresponding number of finally reje  | ected claims   |  |
| NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).   | orresponding number of finally reju   | scied claims.  |  |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.12   | 21. See attached Notice of Non-Co   | mpliant Amendment (I   | PTOL-324).                               |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):  |   | (  |  |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all   |   | timely filed amendmer  | nt canceling the                         |
| non-allowable claim(s). 7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) [  | ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ wil  | ll be entered and an ex  | xplanation of                            |
| how the new or amended claims would be rejected is prov  |   |  | •  |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed:   |   |  |  |
| Claim(s) allowed:<br>Claim(s) objected to:   |   |  |  |
| Claim(s) rejected:   |   |  |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:   |   |  |  |
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| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but<br/>because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and<br/>was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</li> </ol>  | I sufficient reasons why the affidav  | it or other evidence is  | necessary and                            |
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| 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER   | n of the status of the claims after e   | ntry is below or attache   | ed.                                      |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but<br>See Continuation Sheet.   | does NOT place the application ir   | ı condition for allowand   | ce because:                              |
| 12. ☐ Note the attached Information <i>Disclosure Statement</i> (s). (13. ☐ Other:   | PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)  |  |  |
|  | /Monica A Huson/<br>Primary Examiner, Art U   | Jnit 1791  |  |
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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: applicant's arguments are substantially the same as those filed 29 January 2008. These arguments were noted as nonpersuasive as discussed in the Final Office action mailed 30 April 2008.

Additionally, applicant contends that since the cited portion of Revord that shows the claimed water proportions is located in the prior art section of Revord, Revord does not show this element. This is not persuasive because entire Revord disclosure, including the prior art section, nevertheless shows that the claimed water proportions are known in the prior art.

Applicant further contends that Klus and Revord do not sugges the claimed invention because Klus' product does not contain plaster, it does contain a binder that is not used by Revord, and the pressure during the process is different. This is not persuasive because Klus was not cited to show any of these limitations. Although the products of Revord and Klus may differ, there is no evidence that the teaching of Klus for the compression period would be inapplicable to the process of Revord, as both are generally drawn to similar processes.

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